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CHAVEZ, REYES MARTIN

Attorney: FARAH, GEORGE

VS.

ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

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REYES MARTIN CHAVEZ	§	
	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Plaintiff,	§	
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VS.	§	
	§	HARRIS COUNTY TEXAS
ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES	§	
CORPORATION, and AUTOMATION	§	
TEMPORARY SERVICE	§	
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Defendant.	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes REYES MARTIN CHAVEZ, hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff," complaining of and about AMACO KLEMP, AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICE, and GALLAGHER BASSET SERVICES, INC, hereinafter referred to as "Defendants," and for cause of action would show unto the Court the following:

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN LEVEL

1. Plaintiff intends that discovery be conducted under Discovery Level 2.

II. PARTIES AND SERVICE

- 2. Plaintiff is a resident of Houston, Harris County, Texas.
- 3. Defendant, ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, is a foreign for-profit corporation who can be served through its registered agent, CT Corporation System at 1999 Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201.
- 4. Defendant, AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICES, is a foreign for-profit corporation who can be served through its registered agent, CT Corporation System at 1999

Bryan St., Suite 900, Dallas, TX 75201.

III. JURISDICTION

- 5. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court.
- 6. The Court has jurisdiction over the Defendant, ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, because Defendant is a foreign for profit-company and amenable to service by a Texas Court.
- 7. The Court has jurisdiction over the Defendant, AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICES, because Defendant is a foreign for profit-company and amenable to service by a Texas Court.

IV. VENUE

8. Venue is proper in Harris County, Texas. Specifically, venue is allowed in Harris County because all or a substantial part of the events and/or omissions occurred in Harris County, Texas.

V. FACTS

- 9. On or about October 24, 2015, Plaintiff sustained injuries to his right hand while in the course and scope of his employment with Defendants.
- 10. On the date of the incident made basis this suit, Plaintiff had been assigned by his temporary employment agency, Defendant AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICE (hereinafter Defendant "AUTOMATION") to perform duties for Defendant, ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION (hereinafter Defendant "AMICO") at Amico A Gibraltor Industries, Klemp Road, Dayton, TX 77001.
 - 11. Prior to the incident made the basis of this suit, Defendant AMICO began to

outsource its metalwork and welding manufacturing to Defendant AUTOMATION.

- 12. Defendant AUTOMATION had control over the Plaintiff, his assignment to AMICO, and Plaintiff was employed as a metalworker and welder for AMICO through AUTOMATION.
- 13. Plaintiff received training, supervision, scope and assignment of job duties from Defendants. AMICO provided onsite job tools and equipment.
- 14. Defendant AMICO failed to provide the necessary tools and equipment to safely perform the job tasks assigned to Plaintiff.
- 15. Defendant AUTOMATION knew of Defendant AMICO's failure to provide the necessary tools and equipment to the temporary workers AUTOMATION contracted to AMICO.
- 16. Plaintiff observed the unsafe workplace and conditions AMICO provided to welders and questioned other employees and AMICO's supervisor.
- 17. Plaintiff learned from other workers and AMICO's supervisor that in order to perform the tasks assigned by AMICO he would have to create makeshift tools from scrap-metal around the jobsite.
- 18. In order to meet the demands of AMICO, Plaintiff was instructed to weld pieces of scrap metal together to create a grip-like tool to move and reposition large metal plates for welding. This tool did not efficiently nor effectively perform the task, and welders would have to use their hands to make slight adjustments to the plates.
- 19. Plaintiff was injured when he used his hand to reposition a metal plate at AMICO's worksite, under AMICO's direction and supervision.

VI. NEGLIGENCE AGAINST DEFENDANTS

20. Defendants had a duty to exercise the degree of care that a reasonably careful person

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would use to avoid harm to others under circumstances similar to those described herein.

- 21. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable care to avoid a foreseeable risk of injury to others.
- 22. That on the occasion in question, Defendants were guilty of numerous acts and/or omissions of negligence including, but not limited to the following:
 - A. Failing to prevent injuries to Plaintiff when it reasonably appeared or should have appeared that in the exercise of his lawful rights, Plaintiff may be injured by a dangerous condition created by Defendants;
 - B. Failing to exercise reasonable care to avoid a foreseeable risk of injury to others;
 - C. Failing to take affirmative action to control or avoid increasing the danger from a condition that has been at least partially created by Defendants' conduct;
 - D. Failing to use ordinary care in in aiding or protecting Plaintiff from peril, when the peril was under Defendants' control.
- 23. Defendants, AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to use ordinary care in providing a reasonably safe workplace.
- 24. Defendants, AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to use ordinary care in establishing rules and regulations for an employee's safety when its business was complex or hazardous.
- 25. Defendants, AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to use ordinary care in furnishing reasonably safe machinery or instrumentalities.
- 26. Defendants, AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to use ordinary care in supervising its employees' activities.
 - 27. Defendants, AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to use ordinary care in

providing employees adequate help in the performance of work.

VII. <u>NEGLIGENT HIRING, SUPERVISION, TRAINING, OR RETENTION AGAINST</u> DEFENDANTS AMICO and AUTOMATION

- 28. Defendants AMICO and AUTOMATION had a duty to hire, supervise, train, or retain competent employees to avoid harm to others under circumstances similar to those described herein.
- 29. Plaintiff's injuries were proximately caused by Defendants' negligence, carelessness and reckless disregard of said duty.
- 30. Defendants' negligent, careless and reckless disregard of their duties consisted of, but is not limited to, the following acts and omissions:
 - a. Failure to use ordinary care in adequately supervising Defendants' employees;
 - b. Failure to adequately train Defendants' employees, including Plaintiff, to safely perform the tasks assigned;
 - c. Failure to stop risk that Defendants' employees posed to Plaintiff; and
 - d. Failure to remain knowledgeable about Defendants' employees' competence and fitness to perform tasks assigned to them.

VIII. <u>NEGLIGENCE PER SE</u>

- 31. Defendants AMICO and AUTOMATION failed to follow Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") standards required for Personal Protective Equipment, 29 CFR 1910 Subpart I, *et seq*, and Welding, Cutting, and Brazing, 29 CFR 1910 Subpart Q, *et seq*.
- 32. The failure to follow these safety regulations, designed specifically for the protection of employees such as Plaintiff, lead to Plaintiff's injury, one the OSHA statute was designed to prevent.

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- 33. Plaintiff will show Defendants' OSHA violation was willful and seeks the full civil penalty as provided under the statute.
- 34. Holding the Defendants liable for their violation of this statute is a fair and workable ruling, as this statute was enacted with the direct intent to protect the class of workers Plaintiff is a part of, and to prevent the type of injury Plaintiff suffered.

IX. PROXIMATE CAUSE

35. Each and every, all and singular of the foregoing acts and omissions, on the part of Defendants, taken separately and/or collectively, constitute a direct and proximate cause of the injuries and damages set forth below.

X. DAMAGES FOR PLAINTIFF

- 36. As a direct and proximate result of the occurrence made the basis of this lawsuit, and Defendants' acts as described herein, Plaintiff was caused to suffer severe injuries, and to endure pain, mental anguish and illness resulting in damages more fully set forth below.
- 37. As a direct and proximate result of the occurrence made the basis of this lawsuit, Plaintiff has incurred the following damages:
 - A. Reasonable medical care and expenses in the past. These expenses were incurred by Plaintiff for the necessary care and treatment of the injuries resulting from the accident complained of herein and such charges are reasonable and were usual and customary charges for such services;
 - B. Reasonable and necessary medical care and expenses which will, in all reasonable probability, be incurred in the future;
 - C. Physical pain and suffering in the past;
 - D. Mental anguish in the past;
 - E. Physical pain and suffering in the future;

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- F. Mental anguish in the future;
- G. Physical impairment in the past;
- H. Physical impairment which, in all reasonable probability, will be suffered in the future:
- I. Loss of earnings in the past;
- J. Loss of earning capacity which will, in all probability, be incurred in the future;
- K. Disfigurement in the past; and
- L. Disfigurement, which will, in all probability, be incurred in the future.
- 38. By reason of the above, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over \$200,000 but not more than \$1,000,000.00 for which he sues.

XI. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff, REYES MARTIN CHAVEZ respectfully prays that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against Defendant, together with prejudgment interest (from the date of injury through the date of judgment) at the maximum rate allowed by law; post-judgment interest at the legal rate, costs of court; and such other and further relief to which the Plaintiff may be entitled at law or in equity.

Respectfully submitted,

BY/s/ George K. Farah GEORGE K. FARAH State Bar No. 24040882 NATHAN E. INURRIA State Bar No. 24101953 GUERRA & FARAH, PLLC 4101 Washington Ave, 3rd Floor Houston, TX 77007 T: (713) 529-6606 F: (713) 529-6605

E: gkf@gflawoffices.com E: nei@gflawoffices.com

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY



I, Chris Daniel, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

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In The 61st
Judicial District Court
of Harris County, Texas
61st DISTRICT COURT
Houston, TX

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris

TO: AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICES (A FOREIGN FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)
BY SERVING THROUGH ITS REGISTERED AGENT CT CORPORATION SYSTEM

1999 BRYAN ST SUITE 900 DALLAS TX 75201
Attached is a copy of <u>PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION</u>

This instrument was filed on the 27th day of February, 2017, in the above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00~a.m on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO OFFICER SERVING:

This citation was issued on 3rd day of March, 2017, under my hand and seal of said Court .

Issued at request of:
FARAH, GEORGE
4101 WASHINGTON AVE. 3RD FLOOR
HOUSTON, TX 77007
Tel: (713) 529-6606
Bar No.: 24040882



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CITATION (CERTIFIED)

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In The 61st

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of Harris County, Texas
61st DISTRICT COURT

Houston, TX

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris

TO: ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

(A FOREIGN FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION) MAY BE SERVED THROUGH ITS REGISTERED AGENT CT CORPORTION SYSTEM

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Attached is a copy of PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

This instrument was filed on the 27th day of February, 2017, in the above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO OFFICER SERVING:

This citation was issued on 3rd day of March, 2017, under $my\ hand\ and\ seal$ of said Court.

Issued at request of:
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Chie Daniel

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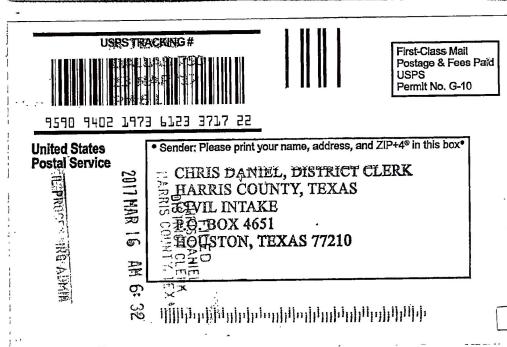
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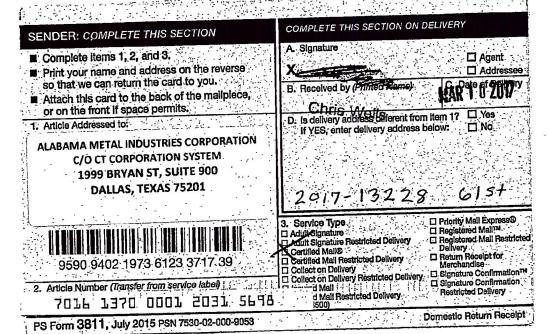
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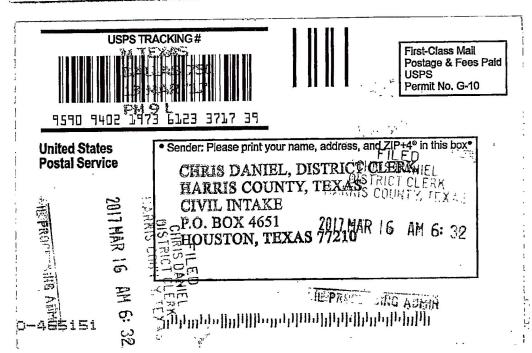
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NO. 2017-13228

REYES MARTIN CHAVEZ,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Plaintiff,	§ §	
v.	9 § 8	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES	§	
CORPORATION, and AUTOMATION	§	
TEMPORARY SERVICE,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	61ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

<u>DEFENDANT ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION'S ORIGINAL</u> ANSWER AND DEFENSES TO PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

Defendant Alabama Metal Industries Corporation files its Original Answer and Defenses in response to Plaintiff's Original Petition as follows.

I. GENERAL DENIAL

As authorized by Rule 92 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant enters a general denial of the matters pleaded by Plaintiff and requests that the Court require Plaintiff to prove his charges and allegations by a preponderance of the evidence or clear and convincing evidence as required by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.

II. AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

By way of further answer, and without limiting in any way its general denial, Defendant pleads the following defenses and reserves the right to supplement these pleadings with further applicable defenses as more facts become available.

FIRST DEFENSE

Defendant pleads that Plaintiff's Petition fails, in whole or in part, to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations.

THIRD DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads that it is not liable, or has limited liability, for the conduct complained of by Plaintiff because Plaintiff's own actions caused or contributed to the alleged injury.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff cannot support his negligence claims because he fails to establish an underlying duty that was breached by Defendant.

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Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff cannot support his negligence claims because he cannot establish that his alleged injuries were foreseeable by Defendant or that Defendant's actions or lack of action were the proximate cause of his injuries.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads that Plaintiff assumed the risk.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads the defense of mitigation.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

Defendant alternatively pleads the defense of inferential-rebuttal.

III. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant Alabama Metal Industries Corporation prays that Plaintiff take nothing herein, and that Defendant has judgment for its costs and for such other and further relief, at law or in equity, to which it may be justly entitled.

Dated: April 3, 2017 Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Melissa J. Judd

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ATTORNEYS FOR DEFENDANT ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 3, 2017, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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REYES MARTIN CHAVEZ	IN THE D	DISTRICT COURT OF
PLAINTIFF		
vs.	HARRIS	COUNTY, TEXAS
ALABAMA METAL INDUSTRIES CORP		
AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICE	61ST JUDIO	CIAL DISTRICT

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS AND ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES, AUTOMATION PERSONNEL SERVICES INC., improperly identified by Plaintiff as AUTOMATION TEMPORARY SERVICE, and files this, its ORIGINAL ANSWER, subject to its MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION. "AUTOMATION" respectfully shows the Court as follows:

MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

- 1: AUTOMATION PERSONNEL SERVICES, is, and at all times pertinent to this claim, has been a subscriber to Workers' Compensation Insurance and at the time of the Plaintiff's injury, was covered by Zurich American Insurance Company.
- 2. The Plaintiff, as correctly alleged, and now judicially admitted for purposes of this litigation, sustained his minor injury while within the course and scope of his employment with Automation.
- 3. Following Plaintiff's minor injury, he was provided, and he accepted, workers' compensation benefits from Zurich American Insurance Company.
- 4. Because Automation was, and is a subscriber to workers' compensation insurance, workers' compensation benefits are the Plaintiff's sole and exclusive remedy against Automation pursuant to Texas Labor Code Section 408.001 for a work-related injury sustained by an employee.
- 5. Because this Court does not have jurisdiction to award damages of any kind to the Plaintiff and against Automation, as a result of injuries sustained by the Plaintiff while within the course

and scope of his employment, the Court must dismiss the Plaintiff's allegations against Automation.

GENERAL DENIAL

6. Subject to this Motion to Dismiss, Automation hereby enters a General Denial and demands strict proof of all allegations against Automation

VERIFIED DENIAL

7. Automation shows the Court that because the Plaintiff was employed at the time of his injury by a subscribing employer, he is not entitled to recover in the capacity in which he sues. Likewise, because Automation is, and at all times pertinent to this claim has been, a subscriber to Workers' Compensation Insurance, it is not liable to the Plaintiff in the capacity in which it has been sued. Automation is also not liable because it has been sued as Automation Temporary Services.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, AUTOMATION PERSONNEL SERVICES PRAYS:

- A) That the Defendant's lawsuit against it be dismissed with prejudice for lack of subject matter jurisdiction;
- B) That the Court deny the Plaintiff all relief and that he go hence without delay and take nothing;
- C) That Automation be awarded all costs and attorney fees to which the Court may find it entitled.

VERIFICATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Bernadette Klene, who made the following statements and swore that they were true:

"My name is Bernadette Klene. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated within this Answer. I have read the verified denials contained within this Original Answer and I verify by affidavit that it is true and correct."

Bernadette Klene

SIGNED ON THIS $\frac{5}{2}$ DAY OF APRIL 2017.



NOTARY PUBLIC PRINTED NAME: HOWARD HOWARD STATE OF TEXAS

Respectfully submitted,

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STEPHEN J. BACKHAUS sjb@lbpcglobal.com

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I certify that on this $\sqrt{\frac{73}{2}}$ day of April 2017 I have sent a copy of this Original Answer to the person listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, article number 7015 1520 0003 4642 4611.

Mr. George Farah 41101 Washington Ave, 3rd Floor Houston, Texas 77007

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NO. 2017-13228

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